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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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utility patent application:

Attorney Docket No.: Olympus-13

Applicant: Ralph K. ITO

Title: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR PREPARING A FLUID SAMPLE
ALIQUOT

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	<u>No. Filed</u>	<u>Less</u>	<u>Rate/Claim</u>	<u>Fee</u>
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Claims	<u>52</u>	-20	32 x \$18.00	\$ 576.00
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Claims	<u>9</u>	-3	6 x \$78.00	\$ 468.00
			Minimum Filing Fee	\$ 760.00
			Multiple Dependency Fee	
			(if applicable - \$260.00)	\$ 00.00
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			(Independent Inventor, Non-profit	
			Corporation, or Small Business	
			Concern) - appropriate	
			verified statement attached	\$- 00.00
			TOTAL FILING FEE	\$ 1,804.00
			ASSIGNMENT RECORDATION	\$ 40.00
			TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED	\$ 1,844.00

☒ Specification: 31 Total Pages (including claims
and abstract)

☒ Drawing(s): 6 Total Sheets (FIGs. 1-9)

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- ☐ Letter referencing previously filed disclosure document; number _____ filed _____;
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Respectfully submitted,

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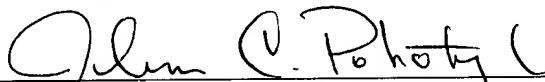
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